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24x7 Wards at K.R. Hospital for firecracker injuries

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (VVH&BCT)- While Deepavali is celebrated as festival of lights, it also casts a shadow over many lives each year due to firecracker-related accidents.

Mysuru's K.R. Hospital has geared up to handle such emergencies. A special ward, comprising 10 beds for male patients and 10 beds for female patients, has been reserved to treat injuries caused by firecracker explosions, and round-the-clock medical services will be available.

Eye injuries are among the most commonly reported cases during Deepavali. In response, K.R. Hospital has set up a dedicated ophthalmology ward, along with facilities to treat burn injuries.

According to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean K.R. Dakshayani, patients suffering from firecracker-related accidents should rush to K.R. Hospital immediately for treatment.

Although the hospital has always treated such cases during Deepavali, this year marks the opening of a separate ward specifically for festival-related emergencies.

Firecracker injuries can affect not just the eyes but other parts of the body as well. To address this, the hospital has arranged for the immediate transfer of burn victims to the nearest burn care unit and a separate ward has been opened for burn treatment.

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Mysuru, Monday 20th October 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LET THE INNER LIGHT GLOW: ***Deepavali is a festival that is celebrated with utmost fervour with lamps and fireworks lighting up not only our exterior lives, but also our inner selves, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.***

It is a festival that celebrates Lord Krishna's victory over Narakasura and is upheld as the best among festivals. The great Bhagavad Gita is considered to be a sibling of the Deepavali festival due to both being the best in their genres and due to their intricate link to Lord Krishna.

Narakasura gained a boon that only his mother, Bhooma Devi, could kill him. Aided by the boon and with a sense of invincibility, he unleashed a reign of terror upon all. When Lord Krishna took him on in open battle, the boon proved to be powerful and Lord Krishna fainted in his chariot.

Satyabhama, who was none other than Bhooma Devi, and consort and charioteer of Krishna, took charge and the arrow she fired mortally wounded Narakasura. In his dying moments, Narakasura realised his folly, repented, and prayed that his death be celebrated by all mankind with great joy, happiness and prosperity.

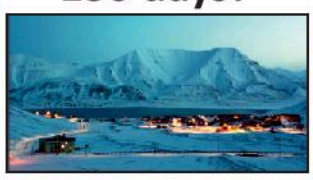
Traditional oil bath ritualistically followed on this day is symbolic as Mahalakshmi is the oil that lights up the lamp of spiritual enlightenment and material prosperity in devotees. Gods are said to reside in water on Deepavali, signifying purity; thus the water symbolises the river Ganga which rose from Brahma's *kamandalam,* ***flowed over Vishnu's feet and emerged from Siva's locks. Hence the early morning ritual is referred to as Ganga Snan in many parts of the country.***

The best time to light the lamp is early morning when Vishnu, along with Mahalakshmi, resides in all lamps lit by devotees at that hour, in order to bless them.

The celebration varies from region to region in India and historical records and stone carvings capture the celebration during various periods and different kingdoms of ancient Bharat. The festival is internationally acknowledged, not only among the Indian diaspora, but also people of many cultures. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

No sunlight here for 136 days!



Ellesmere Island: Alert, the northernmost permanently inhabited place on Earth, located on the northeastern tip of Ellesmere Island in Nunavut, is home to a military and scientific base that endures some of the harshest and most extreme conditions on the planet. One of the most notable phenomena here is the polar night--a period during which the sun doesn't rise above the horizon for 136 consecutive days, plunging the region into almost total darkness.

This year, the last glimpse of the sun was on Oct. 13, with its return not until Feb. 27, 2026, as per BBC. During this time, Alert's residents rely on artificial lighting, and their circadian rhythms often need adjustment due to the extended absence of natural sunlight. Temperatures also plummet to extremes, frequently reaching below -40°C, and the isolation adds to the mental and physical challenges faced by those stationed there.

Fakes death to see who attends funeral

Patna: A 74-year-old man who wanted to check who would grieve his passing faked his death and staged a mock funeral to see who would attend.

The people of Konchi, a village in Bihar, were shocked to learn about the sudden passing of Mohan Lal, a former Air Force veteran. It was confusing to see a procession when most people didn't even know he had died, but that didn't stop people from joining the procession, mourning the poor man, and taking part in all the traditional rites.

But what really stunned people was the moment when Mohan got up from his casket. They soon learned that the funeral was nothing but a twisted test thought up by the man to see how many people cared about him.

"After death, people carry the bier, but I wanted to witness it myself and know how much respect and affection people give me," Mohan said.

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Kittur Rani Chennamma Jayanti on Oct. 23

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (TRR)- Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju has said that the District Administration will meaningfully celebrate Kittur Rani Chennamma Jayanti on Oct.23 and Onake Obavva Jayanti on Nov.11.

"The birthday of various great men and women are celebrated to create awareness about their achievements and messages among people," he said chairing a preliminary meeting of officials held in connection with the preparations that needs to be done.

"The stage programme of Kittur Rani Chennamma Jayanti will be inaugurated at 11.30 am on Oct.23 at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises while Onake Obavva Jayanti will be held at the same time and venue on Nov.11," said the ADC and added that prior to the stage programme, Geeta Gayana will be presented by singers in the presence of distinguished guests and lectures will be delivered by eminent persons.

The ADC directed City Corporation officials to make necessary arrangements to provide drinking water, pandal, decoration, seating arrangements among others.

Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannanda and Culture, also spoke. Community leaders who were present at the meeting said that they will select the Swamijis to be invited for the two functions.

Officials of various Departments and concerned community leaders associated with the two Jayanti functions were present.

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Delay in issuance of degree certificates to UoM students

Sir,

The University of Mysore (UoM) holds its Convocation Ceremony only once a year. It states that degree certificates can be issued to students who have passed their final degree examinations only after the Convocation function, which is conducted annually.

However, due to the semester system, students are completing their degrees every six months, yet they are made to wait for an entire year to collect their degree certificates even after successfully clearing all examinations.

To make matters worse, there is no responsible officer available at UoM to answer or clarify any queries related to this issue, not even the Public Relations Officer.

This situation has reportedly encouraged the practice of speed money, as graduates seeking employment are being exploited due to the delay in receiving their certificates.

The University Grants Commission (UGC), the regulatory authority, has clearly instructed all Universities to issue Convocation degree certificates within six months so that students do not face hardship in securing employment opportunities.

Ironically, Law Universities, autonomous colleges, and other Universities affiliated to UoM are conducting their Convocations within two months of result declaration and issuing degree certificates promptly. Unfortunately, UoM continues to lag.

Hence, I request the Vice-Chancellor of UoM to look into this undue delay in issuing degree certificates and take immediate steps to ensure that students can pursue employment opportunities without unnecessary waiting.

I sincerely hope UoM will align with other Universities in India by conducting Convocation ceremonies and issuing degree certificates within six months of result declaration.

—Dakshinamurthy Varadarajan

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Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham to host 'Brain Bytes - 2025'

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, is organising 'Brain Bytes - 2025', its annual inter-collegiate quiz competition for PU and plus-2 students, on Oct. 29.

This general quiz is open to students from all streams: Science, Commerce and Arts. The event aims to prepare young learners to meet the challenges of an ever-changing competitive world while offering them a refreshing break from their everyday academic routine.

Participants will take part in five stimulating rounds — Riddles, Ctrl +Win, Connect-the-Dots, Buzzer (Audio-Visual) and the exciting Rapid-Fire finale.

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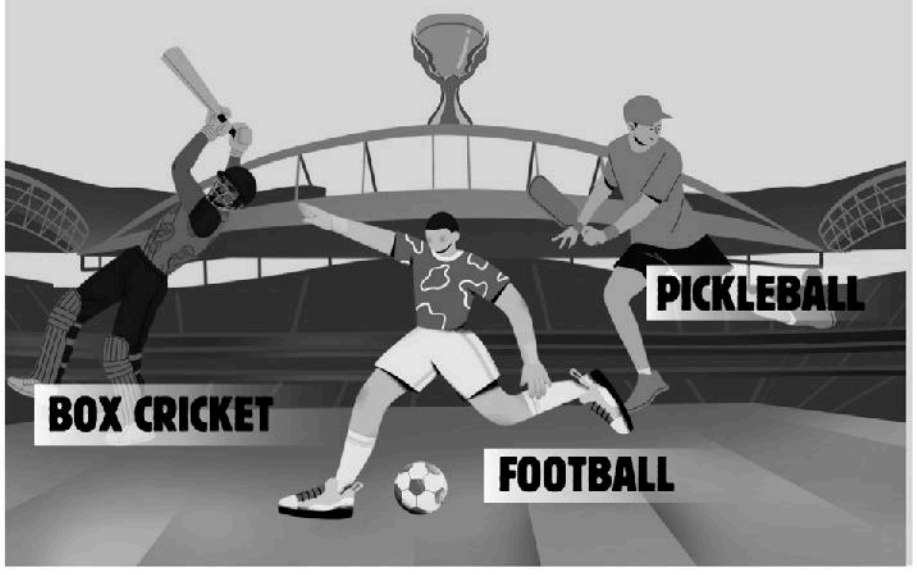


Mysuru's 33 tourist sites get QR codes

To provide instant access to details about historical, cultural & natural sites

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (AG&BCT)- In a bid to promote digital tourism, the Union Ministry of Tourism and the Department of Tourism, Karnataka, have launched QR code-based information portals across 33 major tourist destinations in Mysuru.

Installed prominently at the entrances of these landmarks, the QR code boards enable visitors to instantly access detailed information about each site — including historical facts, cultural insights and photographs — in both Kannada and English.

The initiative, rolled out after Dasara 2025, marks a first-of-its-kind effort in Karnataka to integrate tourism and heritage awareness digitally.

The Tourism Department's QR code board put up in the Mysore Palace premises.

Interactive, informative experience

Visitors can simply scan the QR codes using their smartphones to explore text descriptions and visuals that highlight the significance of monuments and heritage locations. This feature offers an interactive and informative experience for both domestic and international tourists, transforming the way they engage with Mysuru's heritage.

Among the 33 locations covered are Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, Mysuru Zoo, Devaraja Market, Rail Museum, R.K. Narayan Museum (Yadavagiri), Karanji Lake, Shukavana at Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, Folklore Museum, St. Philomena's Church, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Jayalakshmi Vilas Palace (University Museum), Kukkarahalli Lake, Oriental Research Centre (ORI) and Jaganmohan Palace.

The initiative also extends to religious and heritage sites such as the Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud, Namdroling Monastery Golden Temple in Periyapatna, Sri Vaidhyanatheshwaraswamy and a group of temples in T. Narasipur, Sidilu Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Periyapatna and temples in Talakadu, including the Somanathapur Temple, offering insights into their spiritual, cultural and architectural importance.

Tourism Department Assistant Director B.M. Prabhuswamy told *Star of Mysore* that the goal is to enrich the tourist experience and ensure easy access to authentic information about local landmarks.

"With just a scan, tourists can unlock verified data and historical insights, making their visit more meaningful and memorable. So far, we have installed boards at 33 locations and plan to promote them widely to attract global visitors."

In addition to on-site access, tourists can save or share QR codes with friends and relatives, allowing them to revisit the pages later. This feature is part of the Department's digital tourism promotion programme, which aims to expand the initiative to other key sites across Mysuru. Plans include introducing virtual and audio tours using digital media to enhance visitor experience further, he added.

R.K. Narayan Museum (Yadavagiri)

Mysuru Zoo

Devaraja Market

'Dasara Book Mela records Rs. 95.18 lakh turnover'

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (GA&BS)- Kannada Book Authority (KBA) Chairman Dr. Manasa has said, this year's Dasara Book Mela received an overwhelming response, by registering a turnover of Rs. 95.18 lakh. Dasara Book Mela was held for a period of 10 days from Sept. 22 to Oct. 1 at Scouts & Guides Grounds in city.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in the city recently, he said, a total of 96,000 books were sold in 94 stalls opened by publishers, academies, Authorities, Varsities and Kendra Sahitya Academy. KBA alone sold books worth Rs. 82,000 at its exclusive stall.

"The bibliophiles and vendors, who took part in the Mela, were happy to return home with a resounding success. In the coming days, KBA has decided to organise such Melas on its own in Mysuru and other parts of the State, without restricting the same to Dasara," he added.

An autobiography of International Booker Prize winner Dr. Banu Mushtaq in Kannada titled 'Booker Banu,' authored by B. Shivanand & published by KBA, was released during the Mela.

Saying that the concept of 'Selfie with writers and artistes' was popular during the Mela, Dr. Manasa said that the newly introduced 'Pustaka Ratha' (Books Chariot) kindled reading habit among people, by educating people about the books.

KBA Administrative Officer Kiran Singh distributed certificates to Dasara Book Mela Committee Members M. Chandrashekar, Rajashekar Kadamba, Yogeesh Uppar, Triveni, Mahesh & Dr. C.P. Parashuram, who worked for the event's success.

Woman attacked with chilli powder, chain snatched

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SBD&BCT)- A shocking incident of chain-snatching occurred in city yesterday, when a woman riding a scooter was attacked with chilli powder and robbed of part of her gold chain.

The incident took place on a rough stretch of road connecting Lalithadripura and Alanahalli. The victim, C. Sowmya (39), a resident of Giridarshini Layout, was returning home after dropping off her son and nephew at a private school in Lalithadripura.

As she rode along the unpaved road, an unidentified man threw chilli powder into her eyes, causing her to lose control and fall off the scooter. The assailant then attempted to snatch her gold chain.

Despite the sudden attack, Sowmya resisted and held on tightly to the chain. However, the man forcefully tugged at it, causing it to break.

Out of the 45 grams of gold in the chain, the thief managed to escape with approximately 20 grams. After recovering from the shock, Sowmya informed her family and filed a complaint at the Alanahalli Police Station.

Convict on parole goes absconding

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (DM)- A convicted prisoner, who was released on Parole, has gone absconding, after failing to return to prison after the expiry of parole.

Prasad alias Goonda of Channarayapatna, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case and imprisonment of different terms in other cases, is the one who has gone absconding. Prasad, who was lodged in Hassan prison, was shifted to Mysuru Central Prison on July 21, 2024.

Later, following a High Court order, he was let out of prison on a one-month parole from Sept.19 to Oct.18. But he failed to return back to the prison after the expiry of parole, following which the Mysuru Jail Superintendent has lodged a complaint at Mandi Police Station, naming three persons as the accused, including the father of the absconding convict who was out on parole.

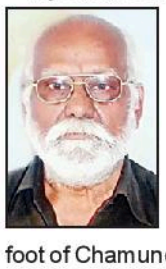
Laptop, bags containing documents stolen

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (KS)- Miscreants, who broke the glass pane of a car, have decamped with a laptop and a bag containing various documents which were kept in the car.

The car belonged to Jayesh Mehta, a representative of Lisha Switches at Chikkapete in Bengaluru. On Wednesday at about 7 pm, Jayesh parked his car in front of Cauvery Emporium on Sayyaji Rao Road and went to K.T. Street for marketing his products. When he returned at about 10 pm, he found the left side window glass broken and his laptop and documents bag missing and immediately lodged a complaint with Devaraja Police.

Obituary

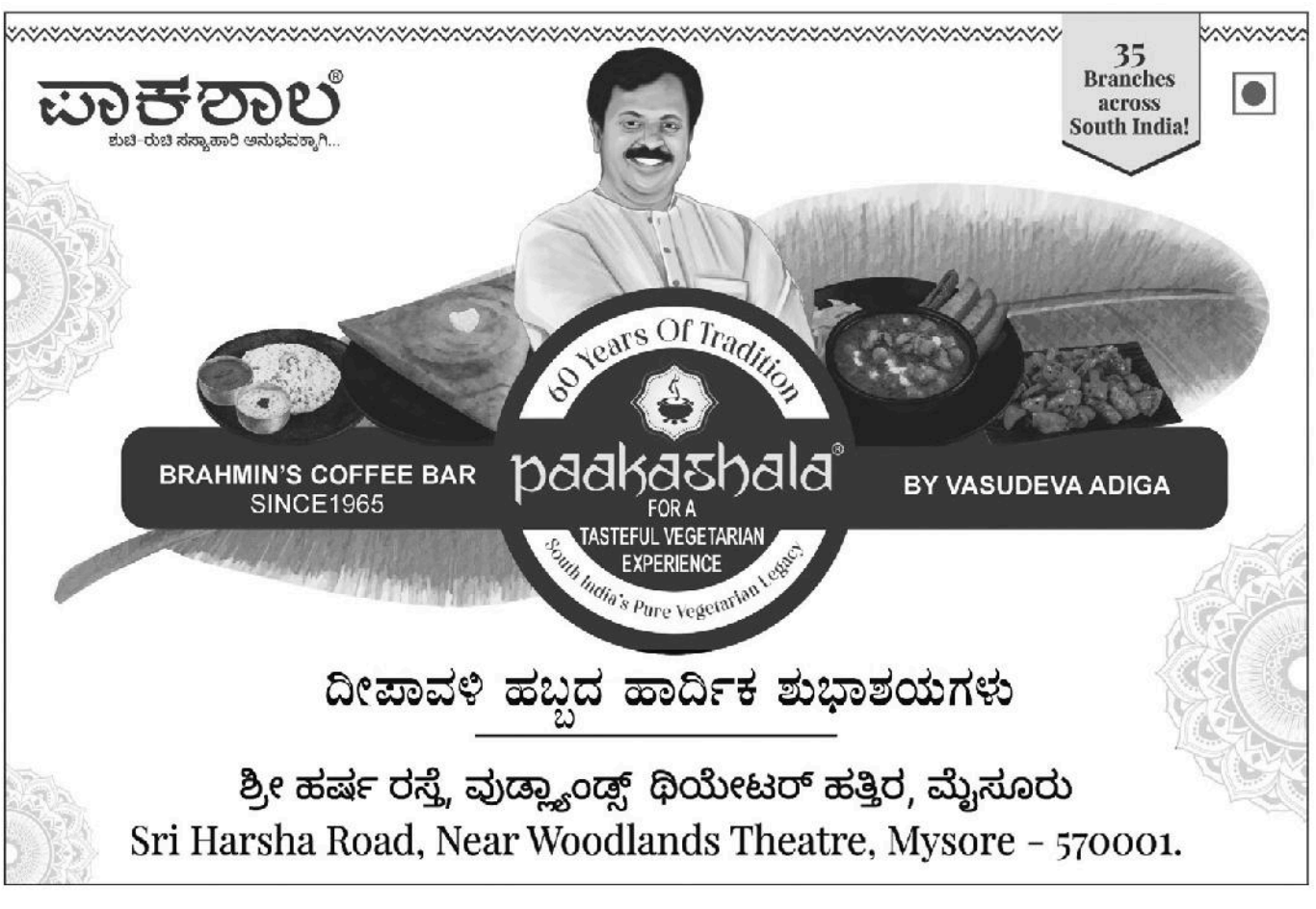
K.N. Govindachar



Mysuru, Oct. 20- K.N. Govindachar (90), Jyotishi and a resident of Nazarbad, passed away at K.R. Hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill the same day, according to family sources.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Deepavali holidays: Tourists flock Mysore Palace, Zoo

Mysuru, Oct.20 (PM&DM)- Taking advantage of the extended weekend and the three-day Deepavali festival that follows, tourists from across the State and country are flocking to Mysuru, the cultural capital of Karnataka. This surge comes close on the heels of the Dasara festivities, which had already drawn lakhs of visitors to the city.

With the steady rise in tourist arrivals, major attractions such as the Mysore Palace, Zoo, Dasara Exhibition, Chamundi Hill and Karanji Lake are witnessing a massive influx of visitors. The rush is expected to continue till Wednesday, the final day of the Deepavali celebrations.

The heavy tourist footfall has led to traffic snarls and congestion at key junctions, circles and roads, especially in the city centre. Adding to the crowd, several schools and colleges have organised educational trips to Mysuru and its surroundings.

The surge in tourist vehicles has created parking problems at popular destinations.

According to Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, the Palace recorded 10,406 visitors on Saturday and 15,903 on Sunday — a sharp increase of nearly 5,500 visitors in just one day, reflecting the rising number of tourists pouring into the city.

Similarly, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha told *Star of Mysore* that 13,256 tourists visited the Zoo on Saturday, while 20,738 thronged it on Sunday — an increase of over 7,000 in a single day. She added that this trend is likely to continue till Wednesday due to holidays.

Other tourist destinations in and around Mysuru are witnessing similar crowds, as visitors continue to throng the city to make the most of their holiday break.

Festival shopping frenzy

Mysuru, Oct.20 (PM,BLU &DM)- With the three-day Deepavali beginning today, festive shopping has reached fever pitch across Mysuru city, with people thronging markets to buy essentials, décor items and crackers.

The Devaraja Market has been witnessing heavy footfall since Saturday. Sunday, being a general holiday, saw an even bigger crowd of enthusiastic shoppers.

A similar scene unfolded at Vanivilas Market near Agrahara Circle and Mandi Market, where people swarmed the stalls to purchase puja articles.

Vendors selling Sevanthige (chrysanthemum), other flowers — both loose and in garlands — and banana stalks, which are in high demand during Deepavali, lined Sayyaji Rao Road, Dhanvantri Road and nearby lanes.

A maar (traditional unit of length) of Sevanthige was priced between Rs. 100 and Rs. 200, up from just Rs. 20 last week. A bundle (two pieces) of banana stalks was sold for Rs. 40 - Rs. 50, slightly higher than last week's price of below Rs. 40.

Earthen lamps at Devaraja Market were priced between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100 for two pieces, depending on design and size. Rakesh, a puja article vendor, said that lamps were available in various sizes and patterns, with prices varying accordingly.

This morning, some shoppers flocked to Hebbal Industrial Area, eager to purchase their festive fire-crackers while others visited stalls at J.K. Grounds, JLB Road and other areas around the city.

PM Modi celebrates Diwali aboard INS Vikrant in Goa

New Delhi, Oct. 20 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi continued his annual tradition of celebrating Diwali with the Indian Armed Forces, spending the festival of lights this year with Navy personnel aboard INS Vikrant off the coast of Goa and Karwar (Karnataka) this morning.

Addressing hundreds of sailors, PM Modi said he was "fortunate to celebrate the holy festival" with the brave protectors of the nation. "Today is an amazing day — a memorable sight. On one side, I have the vast ocean, and on the other, the strength of the brave soldiers of Mother India," he said.

"On one side, there are infinite horizons and skies, and on the other stands the mighty INS Vikrant, embodying infinite power. The glow of the sun's rays on the ocean resembles the Diwali lamps lit by our soldiers," he added.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7 in response to the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, Modi said, "Just a few months ago, Vikrant made Pakistan sleepless. The fear instilled by our Navy, the skill of the Air Force, and the bravery of the Army — along with their exceptional coordination — brought Pakistan to its knees within days."

Describing the experience aboard INS Vikrant, Modi said, "The night I spent on Vikrant is hard to describe in words. I witnessed your energy, patriotism, and enthusiasm. When I saw you sing patriotic songs and narrate the story of Operation Sindoor, I could feel the emotion that every soldier experiences on the battlefield."

He added that India's indigenous missiles, including BrahMos and Akash, proved their capabilities during Operation Sindoor, earning interest from several nations keen to procure them.

While aboard INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister had a packed schedule of engagements, officials said. He visited the flight deck, surrounded by MiG-29K fighter aircraft, and witnessed an air power demonstration that included takeoffs and landings of the fighters on the short runway — both in daylight and after nightfall.

Modi participated in a yoga session on the deck of INS Vikrant, followed by a ceremonial steam-past and fly-past. He also exchanged greetings with Navy personnel and distributed sweets.

Since taking office in 2014, Modi has made it a tradition to spend Diwali with members of the armed forces — from Siachen and Sumdo to Rajouri, Kargil, and Sir Creek — as a gesture of solidarity with those serving on the country's frontlines.

CESC urges public to follow electrical safety guidelines

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BCT)- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has urged the public to follow electrical safety precautions during Deepavali.

In a statement here, CESC pointed out that many people decorate their homes and shops with electric lights during Deepavali, which is known as the festival of lights.

In this context, CESC has advised the public to keep serial lights and electrical wires away from water sources, avoid overloading plug points to prevent short circuits and ensure that oil lamps and diyas are placed safely away from cables, wires and plug sockets.

Special caution is advised while bursting firecrackers near electric poles or transformers — such locations should be strictly avoided.

Children should be kept away from electrical equipment and firecrackers or lamps should only be handled under adult supervision.

In case of any electrical issues or accidents, citizens are requested to contact the customer helpline at 1912.

CESC Managing Director (MD) K.M. Munigopal Raju has emphasised, in a press release, that these safety measures must be followed without fail to ensure a safe and joyful Deepavali.

Snake Shyam rescues over 90,000 snakes

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (RK&TRR)- An 8.5-foot long python, weighing about 15-kg, was rescued by noted snake rescuer Snake Shyam from the haystack at the residence of one Prasanna in Maidanahalli, Mysuru taluk, last midnight. It was later handed over to the Forest Department.

It was 18th python in over 90,000 snakes Snake Shyam has rescued since 1977.

Snake Shyam has been catching snakes and releasing back to forest since 1980. He has been recording his catch/ rescue since 1997.

Public can contact Snake Shyam on Mob: 99805-57797.

Blood Donation Camp held at Sree Cauvery First Grade College

Certificate being distributed to a blood donor during the voluntary blood donation camp held at Sree Cauvery First Grade College premises in Kuvempunagar recently.

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BLU&TRR)- National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated across the country every year on Oct. 1 since 1975.

The Day aims to honour the selfless contributions of blood donors and encourage voluntary, non-remunerative blood donation which is crucial for safe an sufficient blood supply in the country.

To commemorate the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, a voluntary blood donation camp was organised jointly by the District Health & Family Welfare Department, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, Mysuru Yuva Red Cross, National Service Scheme, Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Mysuru and Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara, Mysuru at Sree Cauvery First Grade College premises in Kuvempunagar recently.

Besides College students, donor Shivakumar, who has so far voluntarily donated blood more than 60 times, also participated in the camp.

Speaking on the occasion, Ln. S.E. Girish, Managing Trustee, Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara, said that the entire country is facing shortage of blood as only about 18% to 20% of the total requirement is available. However, in Mysuru city there is no shortage of blood, he said.

"Donating blood will not have any adverse effect on the health of the donor. By donating blood, precious lives can be saved in case of medical emergencies and blood can also be used to cure certain diseases. Also, there is no alternative to blood. Hence, every one must voluntarily donate blood," added Girish.

DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Sree Cauvery First Grade College Administrator Dr. C.E. Subramanya, Principal Dr. K.M. Padmavathi, Sree Cauvery Education Council Chairman M.A. Naveen Chandra and Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara Executive Trustee Ln. C.G. Muthanna were present.

V.V. Mohalla Police hosts Complainants/Victims Day

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SPN,RK& BCT)- The V.V. Mohalla Traffic Police Station observed a Complainants/ Victims Day dedicated to grievance redressal for victims and complainants.

Under the leadership of PSI Mohan, the event saw participation from over 25 individuals who received updates on the status of their complaints and guidance on the next steps in the legal process.

In cases involving accident-related fatalities, affected complainants were provided with detailed information regarding the investigation and legal proceedings.

Officers from V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station were also present to assist during the event.

Meanwhile, KR Police Station officials conducted a routine patrol and area domination exercise across key roads and isolated zones within their jurisdiction.

The operation aimed to curb criminal activity by inspecting suspicious individuals and vehicles, and registering cases under COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act). The initiative was intended to instil a sense of safety among the public.

In the wake of Kumbarakoppal Sri Mahadeshwara Swamy Jatra Mahotsav, scheduled to be held from Oct. 21 to 23, the Police held a meeting of residents yesterday to assure their safety.

Karnataka State Tuberculosis Control Institute dissolved

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SPN&BCT)- The State Government has ordered the termination of the Karnataka State Tuberculosis Control Institute, in accordance with the all-member meeting of the institute held in the presence of the Health Minister in December 2024.

The functions of the institute will be transferred to the State TB Division of the Arogya Soudha (Commissionerate), and the institute building will be utilised to establish the Pulmonology and General Medicine Unit-UPHC under the National Urban Health Mission and the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare.

The decision has been taken due to the lack of active operations. All assets, responsibilities and ongoing functions of the institute will be transferred to the Tuberculosis Division under the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

This directive was issued by Under Secretary Pavithra, based on a resolution passed during a meeting chaired by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Dec. 26, 2024.

Of the four staff members previously employed at the institute, three have recently retired. Their pending dues will be settled following approval from the Finance Department. The remaining employee will be retained on a contractual basis under the National Health Mission, as per Departmental norms.

The building and land located behind the HSIS Gosha Hospital, previously under the institute's control, will now be repurposed for healthcare services focused on chest and pulmonary health.

Additionally, the institute's Fixed Deposit of approximately Rs. 98 lakh will be utilised to clear pending salaries and pensions of employees, and to support infrastructure upgrades and procurement of medical equipment.

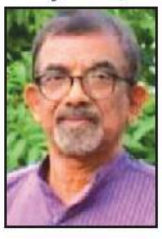
Malali Nataraj Kumar bereaved

Amavasegowda

Holenarasipur, Oct. 20- Amavasegowda (87), father of Malali Nataraj Kumar (Editor of *Mysore Diganta* regional evening newspaper), passed away at his native Malali village this morning. He was also Convenor of Sri Lakshmidevi Temple in Malali village. He leaves behind two sons Malali Nataraj Kumar & Madhusudan, daughter Vijayakumari, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Malali this afternoon.

Obituary

Dr. T.K. Gajanan

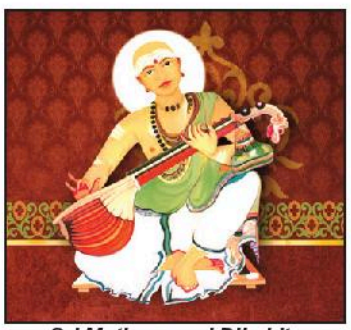


Mysuru, Oct. 20- Dr. T.K. Gajanan (67), former Chairperson, School of Foreign Languages, University of Mysore, passed away this morning at University quarters.

A native of Thattil village in Kerala, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, who is a dentist in Malaysia and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will likely be held at his native tomorrow.

Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar's Day to be observed tomorrow



Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar

Vid. Vivek *Vidu. Sindhu* *Vid. Ananthakrishna* *Vid. Shamith*

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be observing Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar's Day at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru from 9 am on Oct. 21.

The programme will commence at 9 am with rendition of Dikshitar's kritis by musicians, followed by a vocal concert by Vid. Vivek Sadashivam from 10.30 am, accompanied by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan on violin, Vid. Anooru Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S Gowda on ghata.

Profile: One of the most promising faces of Karnatak classical music, Vivek Sadashivam hails from the family of musicians who were direct disciples of Dikshitar's lineage. He was groomed by his great grand-father, Vid. A. Anantharaman Iyer, Kolkata, grand-aunt Vidu. A. Champakavalli & parents, A. Sadashivam and Revathi Sadashivam, in addition to eminent musicians, *Padma Shri* R.N. Thyagarajan & *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Sanjay Subrahmanyan. He also underwent training in mridanga under Vid. Arjunan.

'Sub-Senior Best Vocalist' (2023), 'Best Pallavi Singing' (2022), 'Best Vocal Concert' (2019) and the 'Best Individual Performance' (2015), from The Madras Music Academy, 'Ananya Yuva Puraskar' from Ananya, 'Prathibhakankshi' from Rama Seva Mandali, 'Raga Laya Prathibha' from Rama Laitha Kala Mandira, 'Promising Young Talent' from Karthikeya Ganasabha, 'Nadakishora' from Nadabrahma, 'M S Subbalakshmi fellowship' from Shanmukhananda Sangeetha Sabha, finalist of SPICMACEY's 'Nadbhed' etc. are a few laurels won by him.

An 'A' graded artiste of AIR, he has participated in AIR's South Zone and National music events. Vivek, a B.Tech. (NITK, Suratkal) and MA (Music) graduate, has represented India in World Festival for Youth in Russia. His works in conducting workshops, publishing research articles and narrating ideas around music 'Indian Cultural Experiences' have been well-received by music scholars.

Music competition: Entries invited

Mysuru, Oct. 20- As part of the 30th National Music Conference in memory of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, scheduled to be held in December, JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru, has organised a music competition for music students.

The competition will be held in three categories — Vachana Gayana, Classical Vocal and Classical Instrumental Music — in two age groups (10 to 15 years and 15 to 20 years). One candidate can participate in all three categories.

Interested candidates can obtain the application form by paying the prescribed fee and submit the filled-in application, along with their photograph and age proof, to the JSS Sangeetha Sabha office, JSS Mahavidyapeetha premises, next to JSS Book House, before Oct. 31.

Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji

Registration on the spot is not allowed. For more details, contact Mob: 99009-53152.

Swati Puja on Oct. 22

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhmaswamy Temple in the premises of the Mysuru Branch of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram on Oct. 22. Sankalpa Homa at 8 am; Abhisheka at 9 am; Alankara at 11.30 am; Shattumorai at 12.30 pm; Theertha-Prasada Viniyoga at 1 pm; Prakararotsava at 7.30 pm, according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali Iyengar).

For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Mysureans immersed in the joy of 4-language musical celebration

Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy** (4th from right), **who inaugurated the live musical evening titled 'Ee Samaya Sangeethamaya' at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city recently, is seen with the singers of the programme.

Mysuru, Oct. 20- A live musical evening titled 'Ee Samaya Sangeethamaya (This Time is Musical),' led by renowned singer Dr. A.D. Srinivasan, was jointly organised by Sri Swaramadhurya Gana Balaga and Vidyullahari, Mysuru, at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city recently.

The event began with beautiful lighting, an excellent stage, high-quality sound systems and a large audience. The artistes entertained the audience fully by singing songs from four languages — Kannada, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu films.

Artistes from the troupe rendered the song 'Teredide Mane O Ba Atithi...' from the movie *Hosa Belaku*, sung by Sheela Gurudutt and Indrani Anantharam. Dr. Srinivasan and his wife Dr. Padmashree, sang 'Eneno Aase...' from the movie *Shankar Guru.*

Following this, engineer and singer H. Ashwath Narayan melodiously sang the song 'Noorondhu Nenapu...' from the film *Bandhana*, captivating the audience. After that, Gurudutt sang the song 'Aaseya Bhava...' from the movie *Mangalya Bhagya*, while Shwetha gracefully sang 'Madhumasa Chandrama...' from the film *Vijayavani.* Subsequently, Dr. Srinivasan's son, Srihari, charmed everyone by singing the song 'Jagave Neenu...' from the movie *Love 360.*

Singer Indrani Anantharam enthralled the audience by soulfully singing the title track of the Hindi film *Satyam Shivam Sundaram.* Dr. Srinivasan and Indrani performed the song 'Suddi Suddi...' from the Telugu film *Swathi Muthyam*, while Ashwath Narayan and Sheela Gurudutt presented 'AralideTanumana...' from the film *Apoorva Sangama.*

They were supported by Purushottam and Sharath on keyboard, Gurudutt on rhythm pad, and Indrashekar and Atmaram on tabla.

The programme began with a prayer, 'Nammamma Sharade Umamaheshwari...' by Dr. Srinivasan, and was inaugurated by Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy. The programme was hosted by All India Radio (AIR) Announcer Manjunath.

KaHaNi: Collection of English short stories released

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Journalist K.K. Karthik's stories inspire hope in life. He has written narratives that are essential for living, beautifully blending literature and journalism, said acclaimed National Award-winning filmmaker Mansore.

He was speaking after releasing 'KaHaNi,' a collection of 20 English short stories by Journalist K.K. Karthik, at an event held at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city recently.

"All 20 stories carry hope. Reading them felt like watching short films. The narratives are intense, rooted in everyday life, and narrated without pretension or unnecessary intellectual display. Unlike many debut works that reflect a lack of maturity, Karthik's writing is full of lived experience. Though written in English, the stories are deeply connected to the sensibilities of Kannada culture," Mansore said.

MLC and Senior Journalist K. Shivakumar, addressing the gathering, said: "The tradition of short stories has continued for centuries. As a journalist, it is noteworthy that Karthik has chosen this form. While literature and journalism are distinct, both must reflect society closely. In short stories, what matters most is the inner depth of thought."

Founder of Mysuru Literature Festival and Chairperson of Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust, Shubha Sanjay Urs, said, "The stories carry shades of *Navarasa* (nine emotions). Many of them provoke thought and stay with the reader long after."

The event began with a prayer by Apoorva Kiran, while Harini Nivedita compered the event.

National Award-winning filmmaker Mansore** (second from right) **releasing 'KaHaNi,' a collection of 20 English short stories by Journalist K.K. Karthik, at an event held at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city recently as others look on.

TiE Women Pitchfest-2025
Mysuru Chapter Finale held

Dr. Harsha Tomar, winner, TiE Women Pitchfest - 2025, Mysuru Chapter, seen with** (from left) **Sabareeshan Chittur Kalyanakrishnan, Independent Director at BPL Limited & Panasonic Appliances Ltd.; Dr. Rajeshwar Matche, Chief Scientist, Mentor and Head, Food Packaging Technology, CSIR-CFTRI; Nandita Sharma, Founder, Ame Organic and Zaivic Tech Wellness Solutions and Bhaskar Kalale, President, TiE Mysuru Chapter.

Mysuru, Oct. 20 - The TiE Women Pitchfest 2025 - Mysuru Chapter Finale held on Oct. 11 at Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, Mysuru, celebrated the spirit of women entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership.

Organised by TiE Mysuru, the event brought together visionary women founders who pitched their ideas aimed at driving social, technological, and economic impact.

A total of 9 women-led startups participated, competing for a total cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. Each team had the opportunity to present their innovative ventures to a distinguished jury panel comprising Sabareeshan Chittur Kalyanakrishnan, Independent Director - BPL Ltd. & Panasonic Appliances Ltd.; Nandita Sharma, Founder - Ame Organic & Zaivic Tech Wellness Solutions and Dr. Rajeshwar Matche, Chief Scientist - CSIR-CFTRI Mysuru. The jury appreciated the quality of pitches and provided valuable, constructive feedback to the founders.

Winner

Wellness Emporio India Pvt. Ltd., a women-led femtech venture, emerged as the winner of TiE Women Pitchfest-2025, Mysuru Chapter. The startup is developing digital health solutions to make women's care more connected, personalised and data-driven. Founder **Dr. Harsha Tomar** and team received a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, along with a trophy and certificate. She will represent TiE Mysuru at the TiE Global Women Pitchfest-2026, scheduled on Jan.4 in Jaipur, Rajasthan at TiE Global Summit.

Runner-up 1: Calyirex Technologies Pvt. Ltd., founded by **Swasthika Devadiga,** is a security and technology startup re-imagining how law enforcement and cities stay safe.

The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, along with a trophy and certificate.

Runner-up 2: Samparkisu Pvt. Ltd., founded by **N. Lavanya,** is a language learning company dedicated to making Indian languages easy, engaging, and accessible. What began as an initiative to teach Kannada to non-Kannada-speaking children has now expanded to include English and Hindi programs.

The team received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, along with a trophy and certificate.

C.K. Sabareeshan, Nandita Sharma and Dr. Rajeshwar Matche were felicitated.

Bhaskar Kalale, President, TiE Mysuru, welcomed and presented the prizes and trophies to the winners along with the jury members. Prajakta proposed the vote of thanks. Vidya Patel, Co-Chair of the TiE Women Programme-2025, anchored the event.

Social and Educational
Survey extended till Oct.31

Bengaluru,Oct.20 - The Social and Educational Survey being conducted by Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes got another round of extension on Sunday, with the State-wide survey now to be held till Oct.31.

This decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his home office 'Krishna' on Sunday, in which Energy Minister K.J. George, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Backward Classes Welfare Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Backward Classes Commission Chairman Madhusudhan R. Naik, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao and other bureaucrats took part.

Teachers who have so far took part in the door-to-door survey to enumerate the population, will, however, return to their academic responsibilities in schools. The State Government also announced holidays to all those participating in the survey from Oct.20 to 22 on account of Deepavali.

Backward Classes Welfare Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, speaking to presspersons said, "After Deepavali holidays, the survey would again resume on Oct.23 and teachers will not be participating. The Deputy Commissioners of districts and GBA authorities have been asked to complete the survey before Oct.31, using personnel from other departments. There will be no necessity to extend the survey again after that."

Teachers across the State have been relieved from the survey and non-teaching staff enumerators will conduct the rest of the survey. Also, online self-enumeration will be open till Oct.31, he added.

Inauguration of new auditorium
at Sri Vani Vilasa Ursu Education Institutions

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Sri Jayachamaraja Ursu Education Trust, Krishnaraja Boulevard, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, has organised inaugural function of its newly constructed auditorium at Sri Vani Vilasa Ursu Education Institutions premises, Shalivahana Road, adjacent to Kuppanna Park, Nazarbad, Mysuru, on Oct. 24 at 10.30 am.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar will inaugurate the auditorium. Senior Journalist and *SOM* columnist Gouri Satya will deliver the keynote address.

Unveiling of bust

Also, a bust of Chamaraja Wadiyar X will be unveiled at the Trust premises in Chamarajapuram the same day at 3.30 pm. Maharani's Arts College for Women retd. Associate Professor Dr. B.V. Sudhamani will deliver the keynote address.

Trust Patron Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and President Yaduveer Wadiyar will attend both the events.

CFTRI observes World Food Day
International Workshop on Wheat and Flour Quality Analysis held

Mysuru, Oct. 20 - On the occasion of World Food Day (Oct.16), the CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru, organised a one-day workshop on "Advances in Wheat and Flour Quality Analysis: Techniques and Applications."

The event was jointly organised by the Flour Milling, Baking and Confectionery Technology (FMBCT) Department of CSIR-CFTRI in association with Anchrom Enterprises India Pvt. Ltd. and CHOPIN Technologies, France.

The workshop aimed to highlight the latest developments in analytical tools and techniques for assessing wheat and flour quality, bridging the gap between research and industrial practice.

Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, inaugurated the event and highlighted the significance of applying modern scientific tools for ensuring the quality, consistency and nutritional value of wheat-based products.

He stressed the importance of such collaborative platforms in promoting knowledge exchange between academia and industry.

Akshay Charegaonkar, Managing Director, Anchrom Enterprises India Pvt. Ltd., shared insights into the company's contributions to analytical instrumentation in food and grain quality analysis, while Evans Daniel Hill, Sales Director, KPM Analytics, Malaysia, elaborated on global advancements in wheat quality assessment and the role of CHOPIN Technologies in developing state-of-the-art analytical equipment.

The technical sessions were led by experts from CHOPIN Technologies, France — Lena Bosc Bierne, Food Applications Manager and LucieLebert, Food Applications Specialist. They demonstrated the application of modern analytical instruments such as Mixolab, SDmatic, Alveolab, and RheoF4 for evaluating dough rheology, starch damage, and proofing behaviour.

Dr. Suresh D. Sakhare, Senior Principal Scientist and Head, FMBCT, briefed the objectives of the workshop and also delivered a technical presentation on "Importance of Damaged Starch - Millers and Bakers' Perspective," highlighting how controlled starch damage plays a crucial role in flour performance, dough characteristics and end-product quality.

The participants also had the opportunity to visit FMBCT laboratories, where they witnessed CFTRI's state-of-the-art facilities for flour milling, dough rheology studies and analytical evaluations.

WORD OF THE DAY

Muse

Pronunciation: MYOOZ (Verb)
Meaning: When muse is used to mean "to think about something carefully or thoroughly," it is usually followed by about, on, over, or upon. The word can also mean "to become absorbed in thought," or "to think or say something in a thoughtful way."
Origin: Muse on this: the word muse comes from the Anglo-French verb muser, meaning "to gape, to idle, to muse." The image evoked is one of a thinker so absorbed in thought as to be unconsciously open-mouthed. Those who muse on their pets' musings might like to know that muser is ultimately from the Medieval Latin noun musus, meaning "mouth of an animal"—also source of the word muzzle. The noun muse, which in lowercase refers to a source of inspiration and when capitalised to one of the sister goddesses of Greek mythology, has no etymological link: that word comes from the Greek Mousa. The ultimate Greek origin of the word museum translates as "of the Muses."
Example: "On a crisp winter's day, 100-year-old Peg Logan sits in her favorite wingback chair in the living room of her Harpswell home. She flips through the pages of an oversized gardening book and muses about the vegetables she'll plant in the spring." — Connie Sage Conner, The Harpswell (Maine) Anchor, 27 Feb. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Griot

A storyteller in West Africa.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Nest egg

Meaning: You use the term 'Nest egg' to indicate that something has been saved or set aside for later use.
Origin: The term 'Nest egg' originated in the 14th century or perhaps earlier, when people began putting an egg into a hen's nest to induce her to lay more eggs.
Example: "Grandma built up a nice nest egg before she retired."

QUOTE BOX

When all else is lost, the future still remains. **—Christian Nestell Bovee**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

COST PRICE

Answer: The price is right.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	6	5	4	9	1	7	8	2
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Low dam
5 Men
10 Inner nature
13 Watchful
14 Public disgrace
15 Milk supplier
16 Children's theatre
18 TV channel
19 Prefix meaning "nature"
20 Aggressive rock music
24 Tic ___ toe
27 Japanese warrior
29 Lebanon's capital
32 Gelled petroleum used in firebombs
33 Pronounced or said
35 Calorie in short
36 Tofu base
37 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
39 Dravida Munetra Kazgam, acronym
42 State of learning or culture
45 Book reference
49 Ms. Basu of Bollywood
50 Italian city strangely "in sea"!
51 "Eat hops" anagram for a refreshing place? (3-4)
52 Bevy of wives
53 Soap bubbles

DOWN

1 ___ off the deep end : gave way to emotion or anger?
2 Word form for "within"
3 _ __, I saw, I conquered (1,4)
4 Souvenirs
5 ___ the grade : succeeded?
6 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
7 A Hawaiian garland
8 Make a mistake
9 Farmyard enclosure
10 TV sports letters
11 Protective crust over a wound
12 Holiness; sacred character
17 Sound of pain
20 Insect stage
21 Item of cooked food originating in Russia's eastern borderland (4,4)
22 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
23 Kipling book
25 An extent of land
26 Mongrel dog
28 PC alternative
29 Passenger vehicle
30 WWII battleground
31 Rip
34 Misgivings
38 Goodbye
40 Discontinuity between earth's crust and mantle
41 Strike sharply
42 School test
43 Apple's popular tablet computer
44 Russian news agency
45 Suffix with "self" or "good"
46 Actress ___ Peeples
47 German article
48 Lagos-to-Addis Ababa dir.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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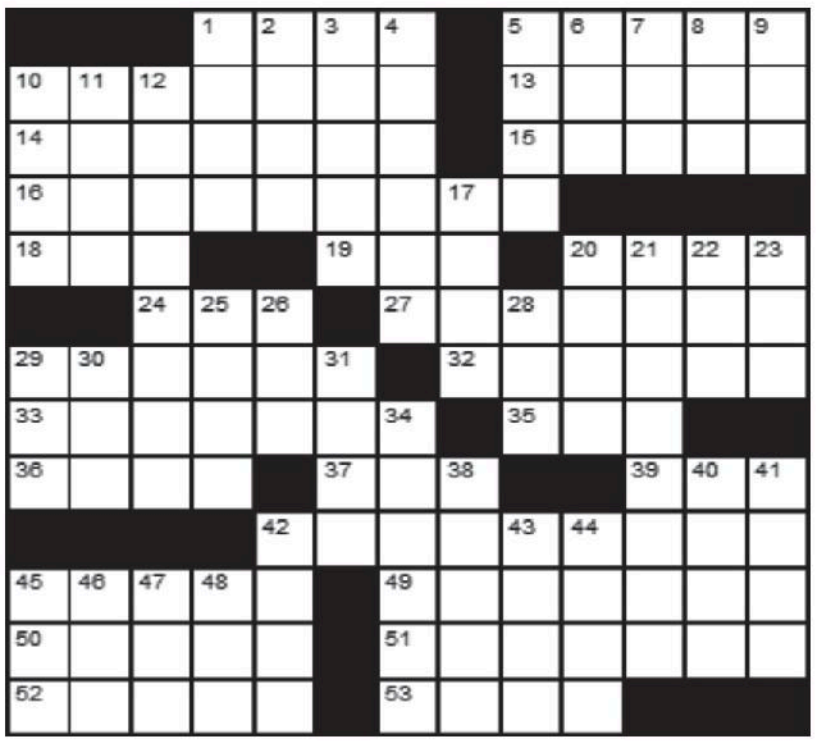

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Data is not information, Information is not knowledge, Knowledge is not understanding, Understanding is not wisdom.

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	(S-3)	4 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.15 pm
Diesel (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Telusu Kadha (Te)	(S-2)	7.35 pm
The Pet Detective (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
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Time Pass (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm

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Timepass (K)	:	10.35 am
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.45 am, 1 pm, 2.30 pm 4.20 pm, 6.10 pm 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Telusu Kadha (Te)	:	1 pm
Premigala Gamanakke (K)	:	3.40 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	6.35 pm, 9.20 pm

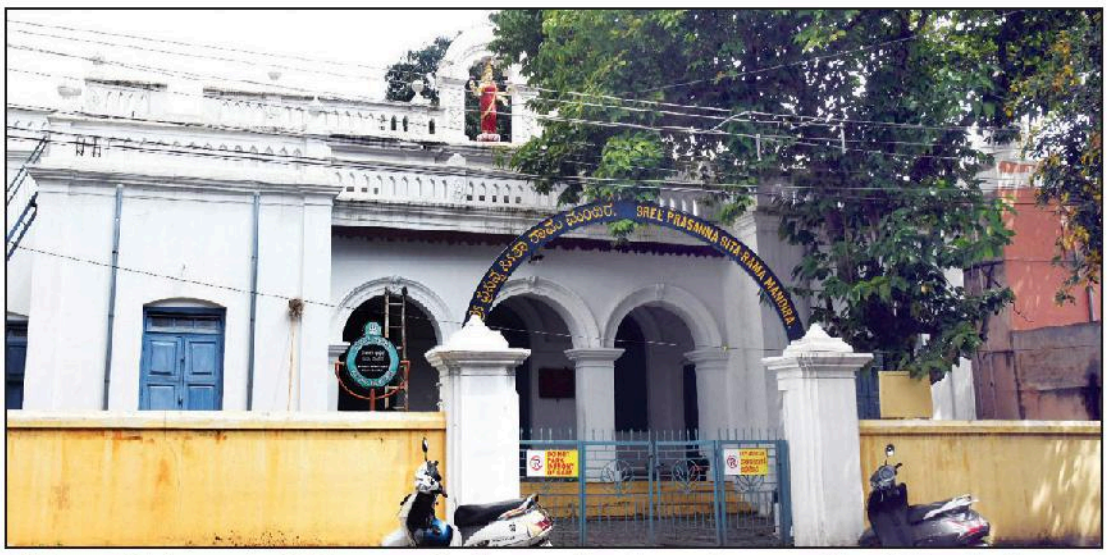
MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.05 am, 9.05 am, 10.25 am 11.15 am, 12.15 pm, 2.40 pm 3.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 6.55 pm 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm, 9.45 pm 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.10 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Timepass (K)	:	11.15 am
Telusu Kadha (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	:	12.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Diesel (Ta)	:	1.40 pm
Mahayoddha Rama (H)	:	1.50 pm
K- Ramp (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Mithra Mandali (Te)	:	4.40 pm
Good Fortune (E)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.20 am, 9.05 am, 9.40 am 11.30 am, 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Premigala Gamanakke (K)	:	11.05 am
Dude (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Timepass (K)	:	1.50 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 10.05 pm
Telusu Kadha (Te)	:	4.30 pm
K- Ramp (Te)	:	7.20 pm
Mithra Mandali (Te)	:	10.15 pm

'Bidaram Krishnappa built Rama Mandira before building a home'



Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Narayana Shastri Road in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SPN&DM)- Senior theatre person and former Commercial Taxes Commissioner H.S. Govindegowda recalled that renowned musician Bidaram Krishnappa, an ardent devotee of Lord Rama, built the Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in Mysuru despite not owning a house in city himself.

He was speaking at 'Tingala Tilivu,' a monthly lecture programme organised by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana at Paramahamsa Dhyana Kendra, Ramakrishna Circle Ground Floor, recently.

Bidaram Krishnappa

Govindegowda narrated that the then Mysore ruler, Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, deeply impressed by the acting and singing talent of Vishwanathaiah — father of Bidaram Krishnappa — had invited him to perform at the Mysore Palace.

Following the invitation, Vishwanathaiah, along with his wife and sons Subbarayappa and Krishnappa, moved to Mysore. However, Vishwanathaiah passed away unexpectedly, leaving the family in distress.

To make ends meet, Subbarayappa and Krishnappa began singing on the Rajabeedis of Mysore. Later, with financial help from Sahukar Thimmaiah, Krishnappa learnt music under the tutelage of Karur Ramaswamy, mastering the art and rising to prominence.

Having gained fame and wealth, Krishnappa devoted himself to Lord Rama and constructed the Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira at Shivarampet.

Lacking sufficient funds to complete the temple, he reportedly sold his wife's gold *tali* to ensure its completion. "It is noteworthy that Krishnappa built a temple without building a house for himself — a testament to his deep devotion," Govindegowda said.

Later, Govindegowda presented theatre songs, accompanied by Kiragasur Rajappa on harmonium, Purushottam on keyboard and Jayaram on tabla.

Trust Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Secretary K. Kempalingaraju, Convenor G. Chandrashekar and S. Purushottam and others were present during the event.

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 21)

- **DIGP (Southern Range), Mysuru City, Mysuru District, Karnataka Police Academy, KSRP and KARP:** Police Martyrs' Day, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah chief guest, Police Martyrs Memorial Park, next to Mysuru District Police Officer, **8 am.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar's Day, rendition of Dikshitar's kritis by musicians, vocal concert by Vid. Vivek Sadashivam, accompanied by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan on violin, Vid Anooru Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid Shamith S Gowda on ghata, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **9 am.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.50 am, 8.50 am, 9.45 am 11.15 am, 12.15 pm, 1.10 pm 2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.05, 6.35 pm 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 7.25 pm
K- Ramp (Te)	:	12.40 pm
Diesel (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Mithra Mandali (Te)	:	4.35 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.50 am, 1.30 am 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.40 pm 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (H)	:	10.30 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 10.10 pm
Premigala Gamanakke (K)	:	10.50 am
Mithra Mandali (Te)	:	1.35 pm
Timepass (K)	:	2.15 pm
Dude (Ta)	:	4.30 pm
The Pet Detective (Ma)	:	4.55 pm
K- Ramp (Te)	:	7.25 pm
Paathirathri (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Telusu Kadha (Te)	:	10.20 pm

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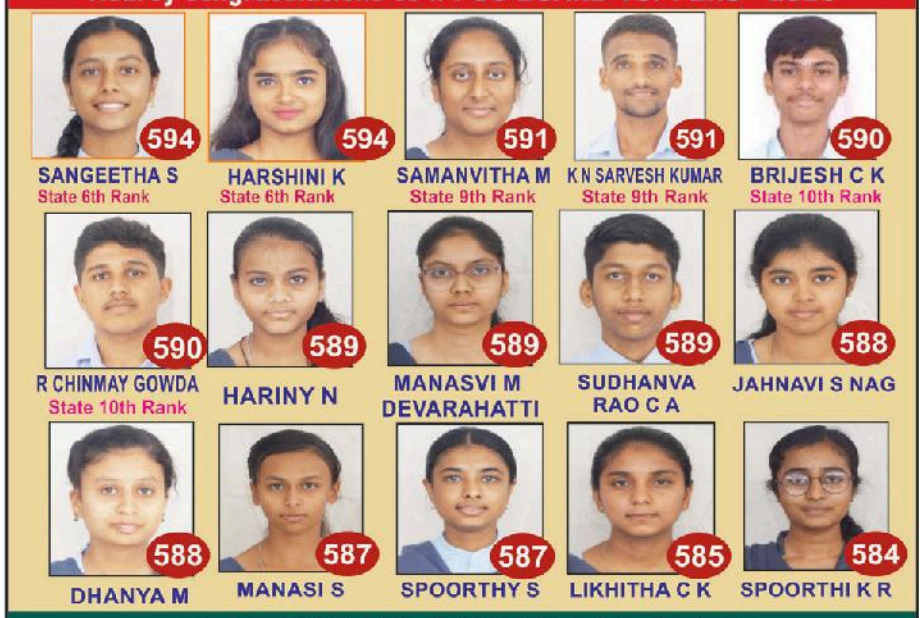
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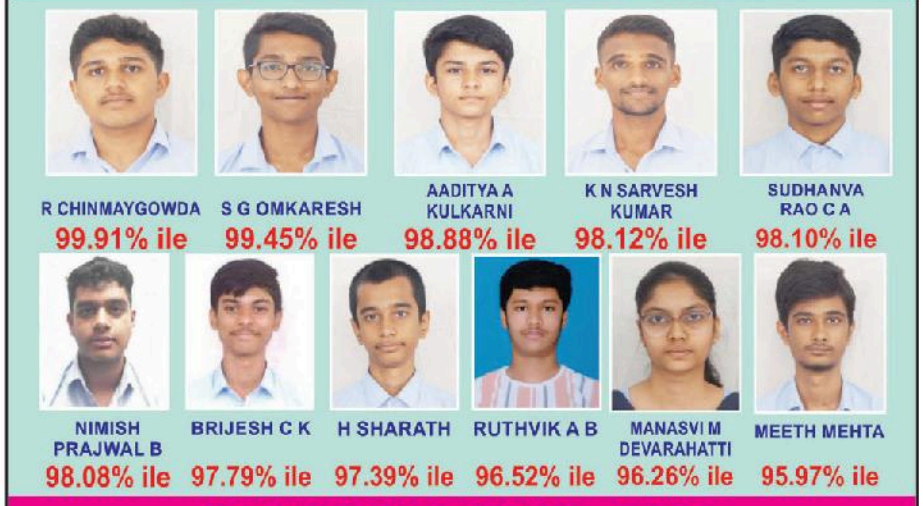
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